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H.R. No. 106

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of John Mark Belton of
2 Galveston were deeply saddened by the passing of this exceptional
3 educator on August 3, 2003, at the age of 59; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 13, 1944, in Houston, Mr. Belton
5 graduated from Rice University in 1966 and went on to earn his
6 master's degree from Emory University in 1977; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Belton taught for the Galveston Independent
8 School District for 33 years, starting with algebra but primarily
9 teaching history; the majority of this distinguished tenure was
10 spent at Ball High School, where he earned the respect and
11 admiration of faculty and students alike; and

12 WHEREAS, The influence Mr. Belton had on his students
13 continued long after they graduated; he helped many with their
14 college work and offered advice and support throughout life's
15 challenges, forging an enduring bond with his pupils; moreover,
16 each summer, Mr. Belton held a book club in which former students
17 from across the United States would read a chosen book and, using
18 e-mail, engage in lengthy discussions about it; and

19 WHEREAS, Through his commitment to teaching, Mr. Belton left
20 an indelible impression on the lives of countless young people, and
21 his memory will live on in the hearts of all those who were
22 fortunate enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of

1 John Mark Belton and extend deep sympathy to the members of his
2 family: to his beloved wife and best friend of 38 years, M'Lou
3 Belton; to his sons, Mark Alexander Belton and John Michael Belton;
4 to his daughter-in-law, Moni Devora; to his sister, Helen Orman; to
5 his aunt, Elizabeth Belton; to his sisters-in-law, Patricia Grimm
6 and Betsy Dunn, and her husband, David; and to his other relatives
7 and many friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Mark
11 Belton.